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Reconsideration of the application with withdrawal of the rejections of record is respectfully requested.

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the specification, as follows:

Page 1, between lines 3 and 4, insert the following header:

---BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

71 1. Field of the Invention---

Page 1, between lines 6 and 7, insert the following header:

72 ---2. Discussion of Background Information---

Page 4, between lines 22 and 23, insert the following header:

73 ---SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION---

Please insert the following paragraphs at page 5, between lines 13 and 14:

74 The present invention is directed to a method for reducing or eliminating antimicrobial drugs in the treatment and/or prophylaxis of bacterial infection in chickens caused by bacteria selected from the group consisting of *Salmonella*, *Campylobacter*, *Clostridium perfringens*, and mixtures thereof, the method comprising feeding the chickens a diet which diet is effective for

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the treatment and/or prophylaxis of bacterial infection in chickens caused by bacteria selected from the group consisting of *Salmonella*, *Campylobacter*, *Clostridium perfringens*, and mixtures thereof, the diet including xylanase with the xylanase being present in an amount effective for treatment and/or prophylaxis of the bacterial infection in the absence of an antimicrobial drug or in the presence of an antimicrobial drug at a concentration that is not effective for treatment and/or prophylaxis of bacterial infection in chickens caused by bacteria selected from the group consisting of *Salmonella*, *Campylobacter*, *Clostridium perfringens*, and mixtures thereof in the absence of the xylanase, and the diet not containing an antimicrobial drug or containing an antimicrobial drug at a concentration that is not effective for treatment and/or prophylaxis of bacterial infection in chickens caused by bacteria selected from the group consisting of *Salmonella*, *Campylobacter*, *Clostridium perfringens*, and mixtures thereof in the absence of the xylanase.

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The present invention is also directed to a method for reducing or eliminating antimicrobial drugs in the treatment and/or prophylaxis of a bacterial infection in chickens caused by bacteria selected from the group consisting of *Salmonella*, *Campylobacter*, *Clostridium perfringens*, and mixtures thereof, the method comprising feeding the chickens a diet comprising a feed including a cellulase and at least about 25% by weight of a cereal selected from the group consisting of wheat, maize, rye, barley, oats, triticale, rice, sorghum and mixtures thereof, the diet being effective for treatment and/or prophylaxis of bacterial infection in the chickens caused by bacteria selected from the group consisting of *Salmonella*, *Campylobacter*, *Clostridium perfringens*, and mixtures thereof, and the cellulase being present in an amount

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effective for treatment and/or prophylaxis of the bacterial infection in the absence of an antimicrobial drug or in the presence of an antimicrobial drug at a concentration that is not effective for treatment and/or prophylaxis of bacterial infection in chickens caused by bacteria selected from the group consisting of *Salmonella*, *Campylobacter*, *Clostridium perfringens*, and mixtures thereof in the absence of the cellulase, and the diet not containing an antimicrobial drug or containing an antimicrobial drug at a concentration that is not effective for treatment and/or prophylaxis of bacterial infection in chickens caused by bacteria selected from the group consisting of *Salmonella*, *Campylobacter*, *Clostridium perfringens*, and mixtures thereof in the absence of the cellulase.

74 Still further, the present invention is directed to a method for reducing or eliminating antimicrobial drugs in the treatment and/or prophylaxis of a bacterial infection in chickens caused by bacteria selected from the group consisting of *Salmonella*, *Campylobacter*, *Clostridium perfringens*, and mixtures thereof, the method comprising feeding the chickens a diet comprising a feed including a β -glucanase and at least about 25% by weight of wheat, the diet being effective for treatment and/or prophylaxis of bacterial infection in the chickens caused by bacteria selected from the group consisting of *Salmonella*, *Campylobacter*, *Clostridium perfringens*, and mixtures thereof, and the β -glucanase being present in an amount effective for treatment and/or prophylaxis of the bacterial infection in the absence of an antimicrobial drug or in the presence of an antimicrobial drug at a concentration that is not effective for treatment and/or prophylaxis of bacterial infection in chickens caused by bacteria selected from the group consisting of *Salmonella*, *Campylobacter*, *Clostridium perfringens*, and mixtures thereof in the

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absence of the β -glucanase, and the diet not containing an antimicrobial drug or containing an antimicrobial drug at a concentration that is not effective for treatment and/or prophylaxis bacterial infection in chickens caused by bacteria selected from the group consisting of *Salmonella*, *Campylobacter*, *Clostridium perfringens*, and mixtures thereof in the absence of the β -glucanase.

The diet can be fed to the chickens without a withdrawal period prior to slaughtering of the chickens.

Page 5, after the above inserted paragraphs and before line 14, insert the following header:

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---BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS---

Page 7, between lines 10 and 11, insert the following header:

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---DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE INVENTION---

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claims 1, 3, 6-8, 13, 15, 17, 18, 21-26 and 29 without prejudice or disclaimer of the subject matter recited therein.